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Kashering a Barbeque Grill

While *kashering* a non-kosher (or *chometz*) grill is possible, it takes time and effort. This makes it impractical to use public grills installed in parks for brief outings. Since food is placed directly on the grill grate, *libun gamur* (heating the metal to a glow) is required. The grill hood is like an oven cavity and is *kashered* using *libun kal*.

The inside of the grill, including underneath the hood, must be thoroughly cleaned from all grease and residue. Charred pieces found below the grates should be swept out.

Kashering is accomplished by covering the grates with charcoal briquettes and setting them on fire. (Some prefer sandwiching the grates between two layers of charcoal. This is difficult to accomplish safely. It is sufficient to just *kasher* the side upon which food is placed.) All parts of the grill cavity that come into contact with food, including areas level to the grates and grill walls, must be *kashered*. Therefore, those places should also be lined with the charcoal so they will also become red-hot.

When *kashering* a gas grill, the propane should NOT be turned on due to the intense heat generated by the coals.

Once the coals are hot, the top should be closed and left for forty minutes. When removing the coals, take care to ensure that they have cooled down.

If the grill has side burners, they should be *kashered* as one would a kitchen stove grate, by turning it on until it gets red hot. Metal countertop extensions can be *kashered* with *iruy* by pouring boiling water over the surface.

Tevilah of Grates

When buying a barbeque grill (as opposed to temporarily using one that is owned by an *aino-Yehudi*), or purchasing new grates to avoid the need to *kasher*, the grates must be *toveled* (immersed in a kosher mikvah) prior to use. Unlike stovetop grates which are used to hold pots and pans and do not require *tevilah*, food comes into direct contact with the grill grates and requires *tevilah*.

Single-use disposable grills that do not have a removable grate do not require *tevilah* even according to STAR-K, as they are always disposed of after use.



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